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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a diagnostic method for the determination of *Helicobacter pylori* in a tissue biopsy comprising the step of incubating a tissue biopsy with an aqueous diagnostic reagent comprising urea and a pH indicator, and determining any pH change, characterized in that said diagnostic reagent comprises a lactone, and that the ratio between the volume of the reagent and the volume of the sample is variable and less than 30.

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